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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 92nd General Assembly will please come to order. Will our Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Reverend Albert W. Weidlich, retired, First Lutheran Church, Decatur, Illinois. Reverend Weidlich.

THE REVEREND ALBERT W. WEIDLICH:

(Prayer by the Reverend Albert W. Weidlich)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

...remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Radogno)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journal of Thursday, April 26th, 2001.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to approve the Journal just read. There no -- there being no objection, so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Robert Madigan, Chair of the Committee on Insurance and Pensions, reports House Bill 1040 Do Pass; and House Bill 1989 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Syverson, Chair of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, reports House Bill -- House Bills 313, 3071, 3128, 3131

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and 3305 Do Pass; and House Bill 382 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Dillard, Chair of the Committee on Local Government, reports House Bills 60, 549, 904, 1011, 1785, 1883, 1914, 3054, 3069 and 3584 Do Pass; and House Bill 469 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Communications.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from Glenn W. McGee, State Superintendent of Education, dated April 30th, 2001. A Report on the Waiver of School Code Mandates.

As required by Section 2-3.25g of the School Code, the following report provides summaries of requests for waivers of School (Code) mandates and appeals of State Board action to the Illinois General Assembly for its consideration. Also included are summaries of requests for waivers and modifications acted on by the State Board of Education and of applications that have been returned to school districts or other applicants.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 123, offered by Senator Myers and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 124, by Senator Sullivan and all Members.

They're both death resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, please turn to page 13 in your Calendar. We are going to start with House Bills 2nd Reading, and we would appreciate order in this great Senate. Take your conferences off the Floor, please. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

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Madam Secretary -- Madam President, sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

That's all right.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Senator Silverstein will not be here today. He's on personal business. I understand some family member is having some -- some problem. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

The record will be so noted. ...turn to page 13, House Bills 2nd Reading. House Bill 41. Senator Myers. Senator Lauzen. House Bill 155. Senator Burzynski? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 155.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 169. Senator Burzynski? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 169.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

...Reading. House Bill 171. Senator Noland? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 171.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 180. Senator Dudycz. Senator Dudycz? Read the bill.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 180.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

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3rd Reading. House Bill 181. Senator Luechtefeld? House Bill 196. Senator Klemm? House Bill 198. Senator Woolard? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 198.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 205. Senator Burzynski? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 205.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 229. Senator Parker? Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 229.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 234. Senator Hawkinson? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 234.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

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3rd Reading. House Bill 289. Senator Karpiel? Read the bill, please.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 289.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 427. Senator -- Munoz? House Bill 427. Senator Dudycz. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 427.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 476. Senator Watson? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 476.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 512. Senator Roskam. Senator Roskam? Senate -- House Bill 544. Senator Sieben? Senate Bill -- I mean, House Bill 605. Senator Noland? Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 605.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 632. Senator Karpiel? Read the bill, please.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 632.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Have there been any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 646. Senator Cronin? House Bill 681. Senator Dudycz? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 681.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Licensed Activities adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 708. Senator Shaw? Senator Shaw? House Bill 708. Senator Shaw? Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 708.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 708 -- I'm sorry, 770. Senator Myers. Read the bill.

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House Bill 770.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 800. Senator Walsh? Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 800.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 841. Senator Watson? Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 841.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 901. Senator Weaver? Read the bill,  
Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 901.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Committee on Executive adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 921. Senator Noland? 921. House  
Bill 1000. Senator Dillard? House Bill 1001. Senator Thomas  
Walsh? Read the bill, please.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1001.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

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3rd Reading. House Bill 1039. Senator Burzynski? Senator Burzynski? House Bill 1048. Senator del Valle? House Bill 1069. Senator Watson? House Bill 1302. Senator O'Malley. 1302. House Bill 1697. Senator Sieben. House Bill 1814. Senator Dillard. House Bill 1822. Senator Sieben. House Bill 1905. Senator Cronin. House Bill 1942. Senator Parker. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1942.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1972. Senator Sieben. House Bill 2138. Senator Larry Walsh. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2138.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2265. Senator Halvorson. Senator Halvorson? 2265. House Bill 2266. Senator Halvorson. House Bill 2315. Senator Munoz. 2315. Senator Munoz. 2380. Senator O'Malley? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2380.



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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

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3rd Reading. House Bill 2412. Senator Weaver. Senator Weaver? House Bill 2412. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2412.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2436. Senator Burzynski. Senator Burzynski? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2436.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

None from the Floor. 3rd Reading. House Bill 2528. Senator Luechtefeld? House Bill 2540. Senator Noland? Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2540.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd -- 3rd Reading. House Bill 2556. Senator Sieben. House Bill 2563. Senator Philip? House Bill 2865. Senator Parker? House Bill 3006. Senator Hawkinson? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3006.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3033. Senator Sullivan. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary. ...the bill, Mr. Secretary. 3033.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3033.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3085. Senator Luechtefeld. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3085.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3125. Senator Sullivan? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3125.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3247. Senator Donahue? House Bill 3332. Senator Noland? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3332.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3387. Senator Watson? Senator Watson? With leave of the -- the Assembly, we will proceed to Senate -- to House Bill 1302. Senator O'Malley. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1302.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. We're going to proceed to the Order of 3rd Reading. We're going to proceed to 3rd Reading on page 11. This is final action. We're going to have final action on House Bills 3rd Reading on page -- page 11. House Bill 10. Senator Lauzen. House Bill 25. Senator Parker? Read the bill, Ms. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 25.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Parker.

SENATOR PARKER:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly. What House Bill 25 -- the Department of Public Health now operates the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program. The federal Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000 gives states enhanced matching funds to provide Medicaid eligibility to a new group of individuals previously not eligible for that program. This new option allows Illinois to provide full Medicaid benefits to uninsured women under the age of sixty-five who have tested positive for breast and cervical cancer under the Department of Public Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer

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Screening Program. This bill allows us to opt into that program. I would be glad to answer any questions and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 25 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting's open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, none voting Nay, 1 voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 123. Senator Dillard? House Bill 126. Senator Dillard. House Bill 148. Senator Myers. House Bill 153. Senator Petka? Senator Petka? House Bill 846. Senator Parker? House Bill 915. Senator Dillard? House Bill 1054 {sic} (1854). Senator Sieben? House Bill 1901. Senator Peterson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1901.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 1901 creates the Uniform Health Care Service Benefits Information Card Act. Requires health benefit plans that provide health care benefits to its insured and issued a health benefit card or other technology to also issue a health benefit card or other technology containing uniform health care benefit information. It would seek to standardize the cards presented when a covered individual enters a doctor's office. I know of no opposition and ask for your support of House Bill 1901.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 1901 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, vote Nay. The voting's open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1908. Senator Dillard? House Bill 1957. Senator Myers. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1957.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Assembly. This bill amends the Township Code. It allows the township board to transfer the interest earned on any of the monies of the township to the fund of the township that is most in need of the interest. It exempts interest earmarked for a designated purpose and interest on funds used for the purposes of the Pension Code and the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. This just makes sense. It could allow the township to use the money so that they would not have to raise taxes for some other use. And I would ask -- be happy to answer questions. Otherwise, I would ask for a positive vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 957 {sic} (1957) pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting's

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open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2161. Senator Demuzio? House Bill 2218. Senator Parker? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2218.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Parker.

SENATOR PARKER:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly. This bill is a -- an agreed-to bill with the railroad union. There was a serious accident that occurred in Decatur where they were transporting railroad employees from one location to another, and there was an accident where several workers had died. What this does is, contract carrier vehicles transporting employees in the course of their employment, in a vehicle designed to carry fifteen or fewer passengers, to -- semi-annual tests and other regulations to improve their safety. I would be glad to answer any questions and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2218 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2438. Senator Radogno? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

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2438.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2438.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Madam President. This bill makes a change to the Circuit Breaker program, in that it puts both the eligibility and the benefits on the fiscal year. It also adds some minor changes that were suggested by the Department of Revenue. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2438 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. This bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2554. Mr. -- Senator Noland? 2554. House Bill 2994. Senator Robert Madigan? House Bill 3004. Senator Madigan. House Bill 3145. Senator Donahue? Senator Donahue? Senator Donahue? House Bill 3172. Senator Karpiel. ...Karpiel? House Bill 3199. Senator Link? Read the bill, Mr. -- Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3199.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Madam President. This bill declares that if a Technical Advisory Council finds that a generic -- drug product may be issued and related to the practice of medicine or practice of pharmacy, that the Council must examine the generic drug product. Provides that after the Council review and initial recommendations that a generic drug product is prohibited from being included in the Illinois Formulary, a hearing must be conducted at -- if the request is by the manufacturer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Just a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Indicates he'll listen.

SENATOR WATSON:

Senator, I guess it's the old Kenny Hall question. Who wants this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

The Technical Advisory Committee. The Department of Public Health, also.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Does this have anything to do with the pre-1938 drug bill that we had discussed and I think Senator Syverson was the sponsor last year, and the Governor amendatorily vetoed it? A couple years ago, I guess, actually.



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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

No, Senator, it does not.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is... Do you wish to close? The question is, shall House Bill 3199 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. This bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senator Myers, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MYERS:

Madam President...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Let me have the attention of this astute Senate. Can we have your attention, please? Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point, Madam.

SENATOR MYERS:

Have some guests today, two Pages, Kay Mullen and Maggie Reeves, from Danville, and Ken Cook, who is - next year - going to be the President of the Korean War Veterans Association. All from Danville.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. We -- we welcome them. Senator Watson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

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Yes, thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR WATSON:

Okay. Well, I want to keep this quiet, 'cause I don't want the House to find out about it, but we are going to have a very quiet -- we're going to have a Senate softball practice tonight. We're practicing tonight, at 5 o'clock. I've got a map where we're going to practice, so come on over here, pick up your map. The House has already had two practices, so they're taking it very serious this year. So 5 o'clock tonight. See you there.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

You heard the request from Senator Watson on a very important item, so please heed his request and see him for any and all information. This ball game is very important to the prestige of the Senate. House Bills 1st Reading.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 889, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1840, offered by Senator Petka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2278, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2298, offered by Senator Thomas Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2845, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3426, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3439, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3440, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3463, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 3576, offered by Senator Robert Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Karpiel, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Madam President. For the purpose of announcement. There will be a -- there will be a Republican Caucus immediately upon adjournment in Senator Philip's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

House Bill 1st Reading, again.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1478, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 125, offered by Senator Emil Jones and all Members.

It is a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Joint Resolution 28, offered by Senator Cronin.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not -- Senator Demuzio.

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SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I must -- I may have missed this, but how long is the caucus going to be? Are the committees going to begin right after that, or what -- what happens?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

My understanding is that -- I will refer you to our Caucus Chairman. Senator Karpiel, Senator Demuzio would like to know how long the caucus is going to be.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Senator, I understand it's supposed to be about fifteen minutes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

There any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Wendell Jones moves the Senate stands adjourned till the hour of noon, Wednesday, May the 2nd, 2001. We stand adjourned till noon tomorrow.